

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Paragraph beginning at line 22, page 5 has been amended as follows:

5 In a voice-mail system implemented according to the method of the invention, a user is provided a set of attachment options by which various actions with respect to message attachments may be selected. As previously indicated, for the voice-messaging system shown in Figure 1 conventional features are shown by dashed lines and the attachment-option features provided according to the invention are shown by solid lines. Accordingly, a user may, by selection of the appropriate keypad number, choose to process either conventional voice-mail system actions **50, 60, 70, 80 & 100 & ~~80~~** or attachment related actions **90, 120, 150 & 170 ~~140~~ & ~~160~~** (and subsets thereof) in accordance with the methodology of the invention. [Note that numerals and other keypad symbols shown within functional blocks of the figure are intended to represent exemplary keypad choices for invoking the designated function. To avoid possible confusion with the reference numbers shown in the figure outside each functional block, those functions will be described herein only with respect to such reference numbers.] It will, of course, be appreciated that the voice-messaging system depicted in Figure 1 is merely exemplary of such systems, and that the methodology of the invention is applicable to any voice-messaging system in which attachments may be added to an initially-received message.

20 Paragraph beginning at line 1, page 7 has been amended as follows:

For a preferred embodiment of the invention, the user can interrupt this, or any other system prompt at any point by pressing a telephone keypad key to execute a system command—*e.g.*, commands designated **60, 70, 80 or 90** in Fig. 1. As a corollary, in the absence of a user interrupt, system functions will be engaged according to a default sequence. For example, if no user interrupt **40** is received following the Attachment Notification, an exemplary default sequence would cause the voice-messaging system to playback message attachments in order of the most recent first, followed by the original message.

Paragraph beginning at line 18, page 12 has been amended as follows:

5       The user may likewise elect to forward a message to another user using the  
“forward” function **410**. If the message had been designated as either one-time-  
listenable or non-forwardable, the invention will block the forwarding operation, **440**, and  
provide the user a prompt advising that the option is blocked for that message. If the  
message is not precluded from being forwarded, the system may be arranged to prompt  
whether the user would like to designate the message as one-time-listenable **420** or non-  
forwardable with regard to downstream users **430**, and then perform the forward  
operation.

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